



UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on House Appropriations
H-307 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on House Appropriations
H-307 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 2051

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Border to Boston Trail Gap Design in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, located at Massachusetts Department of Transportation, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 4160, Boston, MA 02116.

The funding would be used for: This request will allow the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to complete engineering and design work for unfinished sections of the Border to Boston Trail in the Massachusetts Sixth District, specifically in the communities of Boxford, Georgetown, Newbury, Marblehead, and Peabody. The Border to Boston Trail is a 70-mile shared use trail that links approximately 20 communities from the New Hampshire border to Boston for non-motorized uses including walking, bicycling, and more. The trail connects town and employment centers, neighborhoods, schools, parks, recreational facilities, and natural areas in the Essex National Heritage Area, as well as a safe and healthy first/last-mile connection for regional transit systems. When completed, this trail will be one of the region's most outstanding assets by facilitating safe, scenic, and healthy transportation and recreation for all to enjoy. In fact, MassDOT data on usage for completed sections of the trail demonstrated a 100% increase in use during the summer of 2020. This funding will support proposed and identified trails segments in the design process, to include wetland and engineering surveying, helping to identify any challenges and develop cost estimates for construction. This will make these portions of the trail "shovel-ready" for the next phase when construction funding is available from MassTrails or the Massachusetts Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Seth Moulton", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

SETH MOULTON
Member of Congress